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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 MICHAEL D. GOON,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 MICHAEL COLEMAN, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C18-1445JLR

ORDER

15 Before the court is the parties' stipulated motion to extend pretrial deadlines.
16 (Mot. (Dkt. # 25).) The parties ask that the court amend the case schedule by extending
17 (1) the deadline to amend pleadings from September 23, 2019, to October 7, 2019; (2) the
18 deadline to submit expert reports from September 23, 2019, to October 21, 2019; and (3)
19 the discovery cut-off from October 21, 2019, to November 20, 2019, for purposes of
20 expert discovery only. (*See id.* at 1-2.) The court has considered the motion and, as
21 described below, GRANTS in part and DENIES in part the motion.

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1 The court has no issue with the parties' joint request to extend the deadline to
2 amend pleadings to October 7, 2019. The court finds that there is good cause for such an
3 extension. The court therefore GRANTS the parties' stipulated request to extend the
4 deadline to amend the pleadings to October 7, 2019.

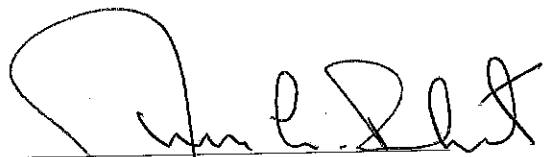
5 The parties' requests to extend expert deadlines are more problematic. The court
6 issues scheduling orders to provide a reasonable schedule for the resolution of disputes.
7 The dispositive motions deadline is currently set for November 20, 2019. (Am. Sched.
8 Order (Dkt. # 13).) The court generally sets the discovery cut-off approximately 30 days
9 prior to the deadline for filing dispositive motions. This ensures that the court has a
10 complete record before it when it considers a motion that could potentially dispose of the
11 case. Here, the parties ask the court to extend the deadline to submit expert reports to
12 October 21, 2019, and to extend the discovery deadline for expert discovery so that it
13 coincides with the November 20, 2019, dispositive motions deadline. (Mot. at 1.) The
14 court is concerned that if it granted those requests, the court would risk ruling on
15 summary judgment motions in the absence of a complete record. Thus, the court is
16 unwilling to grant the parties the full extensions they request. The court therefore
17 DENIES the parties' stipulated requests to extend the deadline to submit expert reports to
18 October 21, 2019, and to extend the discovery deadline for expert discovery to November
19 20, 2019.

20 However, in light of the parties' stipulation and the fact that the parties seek to
21 extend the discovery cut-off for expert discovery only, the court finds that a more limited
22 extension is warranted. Specifically, the court finds that there is good cause to extend the

1 deadline to submit expert reports to October 15, 2019, and to extend the discovery cut-off
2 for expert discovery until November 13, 2019. These extensions will allow the parties to
3 have additional time to prepare for fulsome expert discovery while still preserving the
4 court's interest in deciding dispositive motions on a full record. Therefore, the court
5 GRANTS the parties an extension to the deadline to submit expert reports to October 15,
6 2019, and an extension to the discovery cut-off for expert discovery to November 13,
7 2019.

8 Based on the foregoing analysis, the court GRANTS in part and DENIES in part
9 the parties' stipulated motion to extend pretrial deadlines. (Dkt. # 25.) The court sets a
10 new deadline to amend the pleadings of October 7, 2019; a new deadline to submit expert
11 reports of October 15, 2019; and a new deadline for the discovery cut-off for expert
12 discovery of November 13, 2019.

13 Dated this 20th day of September, 2019.

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15 JAMES L. ROBART
16 United States District Judge
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